

## Woman's Section of Navy League Plans Big November Conference

Meeting Scheduled for Washington Expected to Arouse Greater Interest in National Preparedness for War—Many Prominent Society Women Join Ranks of Organization.

A great woman's national defense conference, the first of its kind every held, is planned by the woman's section of the Navy League for about November 15 in Washington. The conference will probably be held in Memorial Continental Hall, the national headquarters of the D. A. R. Mrs. William Cunningham Story, president general of that organization, and many of her national officers and members of the society are also prominent in the woman's section of the Navy League. It is felt that no place could be more appropriate for holding an affair of such patriotic import than the D. A. R. Hall, dedicated as it is to the deeds and spirits of the patriots who gave their lives and best efforts in the defense of their country.

The conference proper will take up an entire day. It will serve the double purpose of a meeting for the permanent organization of the woman's section of the Navy League and as a means of influencing Congress and impressing upon Congressmen the needs of the country for adequate defense. Members of the national and State committees and delegates from the local chapters in every State in the Union will be invited to attend. In the morning session, reports from these committees and delegates will be taken up and the progress of the work in all sections of the country reported.

At the afternoon session prominent speakers, both men and women, will address the assemblage on subjects of national defense and the part women ought to take in obtaining it. Among those who will be asked to speak are: Representative A. P. Gardner, of Massachusetts; George von L. Meyer, former Secretary of the Navy; Rev. Lyman Abbott, Mrs. O. H. Belmont, Mrs. William Cunningham Story, and other presidents of women's organizations who are serving on the national committee of the woman's section; Mrs. John A. Logan, widow of the civil war general; Miss Julia Marlowe, Genevieve Champ Clark Thompson, Mrs. Mary B. Lockwood, chaplain general of the D. A. R., and Mrs. Parks Fisher, of Morristown, N. Va., sister of Rear Admiral Schley.

The national committee and Washington members will give a reception in the evening at the New Willard to the visiting delegates. The receiving line will include a number of social notables of the Capital. A feature of the conference will be an exhibition of naval photographs, moving pictures, and appliances. It is expected this exhibit will be sent from point to point after the conference to assist local chairmen and members to arouse enthusiasm for national defense.

The woman's section passed the 15,000 mark in membership during the past week, and hundreds of new members forward their pledges and letters every day. The officers of the woman's section are greatly pleased, and consider that the section has become a medium of patriotic sentiment among American women for national defense. A gratifying feature of the week's report is the progress the section is making at the summer social colonies. At Newport Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock have volunteered to take an active part in the work and secure signatures and membership pledges of prominent women spending the summer there. Mrs. C. Vanderbilt Cross and others are performing the same patriotic duty at Bar Harbor, and the work of canvassing the other summer social centers is being carried on by other enthusiastic members.

### Society Leaders Join.

Among the leaders of American society who have been appointed on the national committee are Mrs. G. C. Davidson, New London, Conn.; Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Mrs. George D. Widener, Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Mrs. J. Stewart Barney, Mrs. William B. Caperton, Mrs. Reginald Boardman, Mrs. Herbert Shipman, Mrs. Stuart Duncan, Mrs. Craig Riddle, Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. Charles Warren Lippitt, and Mrs. R. Livingston Beckman, of Newport; Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mrs. Edward Beale McLean, Bar Harbor; Mrs. Peter Geolet Gerry, Bar Harbor; Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. James Potter, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, Mrs. Gust Slater, Mrs. Morgan Belmont, Mrs. Henry C. Frick, Mrs. Hollins McKim, Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Mrs. Gardner

Cassett, Philadelphia; Mrs. John Van Rensselaer Hoff, Washington; Mrs. Frederick Tyson, Baltimore; and Mrs. Moncure Robinson, Philadelphia.

During the week many enthusiastic letters of endorsement and support have been received from prominent women. Mrs. Sarah E. Fulsby, Rochester, N. Y., president of the Woman's Relief Corps, one of the strongest and best-known organizations in the country, wrote:

### Many Endorsements.

"I know that if our entire membership of 170,000 women were within the sound of my voice each one would sign the membership pledge."

Mrs. Reynolds T. Hall, of Philadelphia, president of the Society of Sponsors of the United States Navy, writes:

"I am heartily in accord with the movement to rally the women of our country to the cause of 'patriotism, Americanism, and national defense.' Your interests are identical with the interests of our society—adequate defense, peace with honor."

Mrs. Moncure Robinson, Philadelphia: "I do not need a new pledge, as I have been preaching against our foolish unpreparedness for many years. I am glad that women are at last awake to its menace and hope they will now help to avert the great harm that they have caused by their short-sighted peace propaganda in the past."

Mrs. Mark S. Salisbury, State regent of the D. A. R. for Missouri: "When war comes, it is the women and children who suffer most. Hence they should do all in their power to see that the country is properly protected."

### IMPORTANT PRODUCTION COMING HERE SOON

Few theatrical projects are more interesting than the proposed production in this city of George Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion," in conjunction with Anatole France's "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife." This attraction will be presented here by Lillian McCarthy, Granville Barker and Percy Burton at the Belasco Theater, produced by Granville Barker and acted by the London company which was seen in New York and London.

Granville Barker is a comparative stranger to a great portion of American play-going public which finds it impossible to become intimately interested in managers whose field of operation is outside of New York. In London theatricals, however, he occupies a prominent place. He is known as a sagacious and artistic producer, an exceptional judge of a good play and enough of an experimenter in directing relative quantities of an element of suspense in what he is going to do.

## FAMOUS WOMAN, HER BIRTHDAY AND YOURS

By MARY MARSHALL.

August 29—Anna E. Carroll, Abby Hutchinson.

"The great unrecognized member of Lincoln's Cabinet," Anna E. Carroll, was born in Missouri 100 years ago today. For the first forty-five years of her life she lived in comparative seclusion and it was not till the opening of the civil war that she showed herself to be a remarkable woman. At that time she freed all of her slaves at great personal sacrifice and took her stand as an out-and-out Abolitionist. A speech made by Gen. Breckinridge against the Union interests aroused her efforts as a debater and she wrote a reply which she sent to Washington where her abilities were at once recognized by the War Department. By special request of the government she wrote several strongly Union pamphlets that were put into general circulation. One of these that aroused much favorable comment was "War Powers of the Government."

It was at Lincoln's request that she visited St. Louis to form an opinion of the probable success of the expedition down the Mississippi by gunboats. She reported unfavorably and the success of the capture of Vicksburg was achieved by carrying out her advice and plans. Needless to say Miss Carroll's place in the councils of President Lincoln was not made public at the time to a great extent for fear of the prejudice which would naturally be attached to military operations planned by a woman. Without doubt she was the greatest woman strategist of history.

Abigail Hutchinson, who was born August 29, 1839, in New Hampshire, was a gifted singer of her time and composed many popular melodies. Probably her music for Tennyson's "Kind Words Can Never Tell" and "Ring Out, Wild Bells," is her best known compositions. (Copyright, 1915.)

### HOROSCOPE.

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Sunday, August 29, 1915. Astrologers read this as a doubtful day. Neptune and Uranus are in a place believed to be exceedingly evil. Early in the morning Venus is in benefic aspect. It is a fairly good day for visiting friends and for entertaining relatives. While love affairs of long standing are favorably directed, it is a sinister rule

under which to make new acquaintances. The evil power of Neptune is thought to be particularly bad for hospitals, prisons and public institutions, and while the configuration prevails gas, ether, feld odors and poisonous liquids of all sorts are held to be doubly dangerous. The adverse aspects of Neptune tend to produce seductive influences and confusions, leading to unrest and discontent. Those who are most susceptible may desire luxuries they cannot afford. The planetary government is not favorable to religious fervor, and the same way may be exceedingly trying to ministers and priests.

The seers predict a period of supreme progress and final domination for the Jews, who are to come into their true heritage after more than two thousand years of persecution and subordination. All who profess to have psychic powers agree with astrologers that, with the dawning of a new era, the remnant of Judah will gain the high place. October will be a time of stress for the King of Norway, who may be drawn into the war.

Mexico and Cuba are likely to suffer from earthquakes in the early autumn. Trouble for an American financier is foretold. He may cause embarrassment for the government.

The destruction of a famous painting is predicted. Fires are indicated in places where damage will be irreparable. Fame for a poet again is indicated by the planets. English literature is to benefit from the way of the stars during the next two years.

Religious controversies are foreseen in the United States, as well as in Europe. The Pope has a sinister omen, which may cause him serious anxiety. Persons whose birthdate it is have a happy augury for the year. Promotion is indicated for those who are employed. Children born on this day probably will be extremely successful through life. These subjects of Virgo learn easily, have great endurance and seldom snow their age.

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### To New York at Last.

After more than two years of success on tour William Hodges is emboldened to send his play "The Road to Happiness" to New York, where he will shortly present it at the Shubert Theater.

The history of this play is unusual. When Hodges first presented it, he was told on all sides that it never would do for New York. Chicago, at any rate, liked it for it ran almost a year, and then Boston gave it nearly an equally strong endorsement. Now that the other big cities have passed favorably on the play and Hodges has amassed a considerable profit from it, he is willing to give New York the opportunity to pass an opinion.

## Gardner Denies Daniels Has Added Fifty Vessels to Navy

Declares Assertion of Secretary Is Unfair and Misleading. Avers Only Two New Battleships Have Been Commissioned by Him—Says Vessels Are Undermanned.

Danvers, Mass., Aug. 28.—Representative A. P. Gardner in an address before the Republicans of the Second Essex senatorial district, this afternoon took sharp issue with a recently published statement of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, to the effect that the navy had been increased by fifty war vessels in full commission since Secretary took office. Mr. Gardner said in part:

"Secretary Daniels has just issued in Washington and has repeated in Boston, an exceedingly adroit statement in which he declares that the American navy has been increased by fifty war vessels in full commission since March, 1913, when he became Secretary of the Navy. To judge by the headlines and the press comments the public thinks that this means fifty new ships added to our commissioned strength. It means nothing of the sort."

"Of course there have been some new ships added, but on the other hand old ships authorized in the time of Harrison and Cleveland have been dragged out and put to various purposes. They are not, however, in full commission in any proper sense of the word. For instance, the Secretary says that in his time the increase in the number of battleships in full commission has been six. The fact is that instead of six there have been just two new battleships commissioned in Mr. Daniels' time, the Texas and the New York, both of them provided by Congress during Secretary Meyer's administration."

### History of the 'Six.'

"The rest of his six ships are made up as follows: To begin with, there was the Oregon, provided in President Harrison's time, which the Secretary has dragged out of limbo and put in commission for show purposes in San Francisco. In his list he includes the Kearsarge and the Kentucky, authorized in the time of Grover Cleveland. These two ships have been laid up 'in ordinary.' Mr. Daniels has now unearthed them and put them in full commission, as he calls it. The fact is that they are largely manned by naval militia men and are not in full commission in any reasonable sense of the word."

"Then, there are the old Missouri and the Wisconsin, which Daniels has taken out of the reserve fleet and put in what he alleges to be full commission. The fact is that they are part of the Naval Academy practice squadron and are largely manned by naval cadets. None of the above list is with the battleship fleet and none of them are in full commission in any reasonable sense of the word."

"Meanwhile, the Idaho, which was in full commission when Mr. Daniels became Secretary of the Navy, has been sold to Greece. This accounts for all six battleships which the Secretary claims to have added to our battle fleet in full commission."

"Nearly half of the increase of vessels in full commission is made up of submarines and of the old monitors which have been resuscitated for the purpose of acting as traveling blacksmith shops and gasoline tanks when the submarines make their runs. Altogether, there are twenty-four submarines and monitors added to the fleet in full commission, according to the Secretary. By the way, every one of them was provided by Congress long before Mr. Daniels' time."

"I have not yet been able to find which of these submarines are broken down, but I notice that one of the number which the Secretary includes in his list is the F-4, which now reposes at the bottom of the sea. Furthermore, the Secretary for some unknown reason has transferred from reserve into full commission the old submarines Grampus and Pike, authorized in McKinley's time and now rechristened A-3 and A-5. Our submarine fleet can certainly make a brave show on paper."

"The fact of the matter is that the whole business is pretense. It is no use having lots of vessels in full commission if they are entirely undermanned as is the case. In the Atlantic battleship fleet alone, Admiral Fletcher, the commander-in-chief, has definitely announced that the shortage in the fleet under his command amounts to 5,219 men and 339 officers."

## BOOBS AT THE FAIR.—By Goldberg.

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THE FRENCH BUILDING FURNISHES ALL THE THRILLS OF A REAL TRIP TO PARIS.

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